Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A method for handling images in a hybrid camera comprising the steps of:

capturing a plurality of image pairs in a camera, each said image pair having an archival image of a scene and an initial electronic image of the same scene, said archival image of each said pair having a first ~~geometric format~~ aspect ratio;

storing said ~~in initial~~ initial electronic images in memory;

recording in association with selected image pairs of said plurality, a designation of a alternative ~~geometric format~~ aspect ratio different than said first ~~geometric format~~ aspect ratio;

~~formatting~~ changing said initial electronic images of said selected image pairs to respective said alternative ~~geometric formats~~ aspect ratios to provide ~~formatted~~ re-formatted electronic images without any reduction in image density; and

downloading said ~~formatted~~ re-formatted electronic images.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said ~~formatting~~ re-formatting further comprises adding to said initial electronic images indications of the respective said alternative ~~geometric formats~~ aspect ratios.

3. (Currently amemded) The method of claim 2 wherein said ~~formatted~~ initial electronic images are in said first ~~geometric format~~ aspect ratio.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said initial electronic images are restorable from said ~~formatted~~ re-formatted electronic images without any change in image density.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said first ~~geometric format~~ aspect ratio ~~has~~ is a different ~~geometric format~~ aspect ratio than said alternative ~~geometric format~~ aspect ratio and said ~~formatting~~ re-formatting further comprises cropping each of said initial electronic images of said selected

image pairs to the respective said alternative ~~geometric format~~ aspect ratio to provide abridged electronic images.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein said cropping further comprises replacing in said memory, said initial electronic images of said selected image pairs with said abridged electronic images.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein said abridged electronic images require less space in said memory than the initial electronic images.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said method further comprises loading a film unit including photographic film in the camera prior to said capturing; said archival images are latent images and said recording further comprises writing said designations to said film unit in association with respective said latent images of said selected image pairs.

9. (Currently amended) ~~The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of~~ A method of handling images in a hybrid camera comprising:

capturing a plurality of image pairs;

storing initial electronic electronic images having a first geometric format in memory;

recording designations of at least one aternative geometric format;

re-formatting at least one electronic image with at least one alternative geometric format; and

deleting said electronic images from said memory, concurrent with said downloading of said re-formatted electronic images.

10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said method further comprises loading a film unit in the camera prior to said capturing; and said recording further comprises writing said designations of said alternative aspect ratio to said film unit.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said recording includes writing said designations of said alternative ~~geometric format~~ aspect ratio to said film unit in association with respective said archival images and writing said designations of said alternative ~~geometric format~~ aspect ratio to said memory in association with respective said electronic images.

12. (Currently amended) A method for handling images in a hybrid electronic-photographic film camera comprising the steps of:

capturing a plurality of image pairs in a camera, each said image pair having a latent image of a scene on photographic film and an initial electronic image of the same scene, said latent image of each said pair having a first ~~geometric format~~ aspect ratio;

storing said initial electronic images in memory;

assigning one of a plurality of ~~geometric formats~~ aspect ratios formats to each of said image pairs, said plurality of ~~geometric formats~~ aspect ratios including said first ~~geometric format~~ aspect ratio and one or more alternative ~~geometric formats~~ aspect ratios , said alternative ~~geometric formats~~ aspect ratios being different from each other and from said first ~~geometric format~~ aspect ratio;

~~formatting~~ re-formatting said initial electronic images to respective said ~~geometric formats~~ aspect ratios to provide ~~formatted~~ re-formatted electronic images without any reduction in image density; and

downloading said ~~formatted~~ re-formatted electronic images.

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 12 wherein said assigning further comprises writing a designation of said alternative ~~geometric formats~~ aspect ratios to said photographic film in association with respective said latent images.

14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 12 wherein said ~~formatting~~ re-formatting further comprises adding indications of said alternative ~~geometric formats~~ aspect ratios to respective said initial electronic images.

15. (Currently amended) The method of claim 12 wherein said ~~formatted~~ re-formatted electronic images are in said first ~~geometric format~~ aspect ratio.

16. (Currently amended) The method of claim 12 wherein said initial electronic images are restorable from said ~~formatted~~ re-formatted electronic images without any change in image density.

17. (Currently amended) The method of claim 12 wherein said ~~formatting~~ re-formatting further comprises cropping respective said initial electronic images to said alternative ~~geometric format~~ aspect ratio without any change in image density.

18. (Currently amended) A hybrid camera for use with a film unit, said camera comprising:

a body;

an archival capture unit disposed in said body, said archival capture unit selectively capturing archival images in the film unit;

a designator selectively switchable, in relation to each said archival image, among a plurality of different ~~geometric formats~~ aspect ratios to define a selected ~~geometric format~~ aspect ratio for each said archival image;

a film writer writing designations of one or more of said ~~geometric formats~~ aspect ratios to said film unit in association with respective said archival images;

an electronic capture unit disposed in said body, said electronic capture unit capturing initial electronic images corresponding to said archival images, said initial electronic images being in a first ~~geometric format~~ aspect ratio of said plurality of ~~geometric formats~~ aspect ratios;

memory storing said electronic images;

an controller operatively connected to said memory and said designator, said controller ~~formatting~~ re-formatting said initial electronic images to said selected ~~geometric formats~~ aspect ratios of respective said archival images to provide ~~formatted~~ re-formatted electronic images without any reduction in image density; and

a communications port operatively connectable to said memory to download said re-formatted electronic images.

19. (Currently amended) The camera of claim 18 wherein said controller adds to said initial electronic images, indications of respective said ~~geometric formats~~ aspect ratios.

20. (Currently amended) The camera of claim 18 wherein said controller crops said initial electronic images to respective said ~~geometric formats~~ aspect ratios without any change in image density.